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## THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Zeng et al.  
Serial Number: 09/683,853  
Filed: Feb. 22, 2002  
Examiner: C. Lopez  
Group Art Unit: 1731  
For: OPTICAL FIBER DEPOSITION TUBE FUSED IN DEUTERIUM ATMOSPHERE  
FOR ATTENUATION IMPROVEMENT

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Mail Stop NON-FEE Amendment  
Commissioner of Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

## AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 2, 2003, please amend the above-identified application without prejudice as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Claims 24-28 are newly added. The fee for the additional claims is \$158 (1 independent claim, and 4 dependent claims). Please withdraw funds from our Deposit Account Number 50-2339. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit for overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 50-2339.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.

Attached please also find a request for an extension of time of one month under the provision of 37 C.F.R. 1.136.

## CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited on March 11, 2004, with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop NON-FEE Amendment, Commissioner of Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450.

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